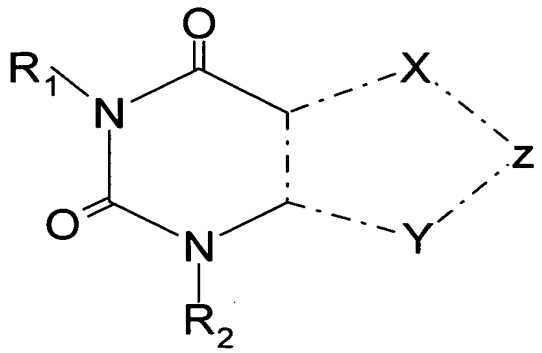
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Novel heterocyclic compounds having a six membered ring structure fused to a five membered ring structure are found to be useful for the treatment and prevention of symptoms or manifestations associated with disorders affected by Interleukin-12 ("IL-12") intracellular signaling, such as, for example, Th1 cell-mediated disorders. The therapeutic compounds, pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives (e.g., resolved enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, salts and solvates thereof) or prodrugs thereof, have the following general formula:



Each X, Y and Z are independently selected from a member of the group consisting of $C(R_3)$, N, $N(R_3)$ and S. Each R_1, R_2 and R_3 is substituted or unsubstituted and is independently selected from a member of the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, oxo, $C_{(1-20)}$alkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$thioalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$alkylamino, $C_{(1-20)}$alkylaminoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$aminoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$aminoalkoxyalkenyl, $C_{(1-20)}$aminoalkoxyalkynyl, $C_{(1-20)}$diaminoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$triaminoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$tetraaminoalkyl, $C_{(5-15)}$aminotrialkoxyamino, $C_{(1-20)}$alkylamido, $C_{(1-20)}$alkylamidoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$amidoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$acetamidoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$alkenyl, $C_{(1-20)}$alkynyl, $C_{(3-8)}$alkoxyl, $C_{(1-11)}$alkoxyalkyl, and $C_{(1-20)}$dialkoxyalkyl.